

In the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

-- Sheets, films, and articles of manufacture from a corn zein resin. A wet corn zein resin is formed including corn zein and a fatty acid, and the wet zein resin is cold rolled into sheets. The sheets are dried, and the dried zein resin is processed to form sheets, films, and/or articles of manufacture. A method of manufacturing sheets, films, and articles of manufacture from a corn zein resin is disclosed. The method permits the manufacture of sheets, films, and articles of a corn zein resin on a commercial sale. The corn zein resin products prepared by the present method exhibit improved physical and esthetic properties, and can be used in packaging applications or formed into biodegradable articles of manufacture.--